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October 08, 2013

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

64 October 8, 2013

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REQUEST FOR DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO SPONSOR THE GREATER LOS ANGELES WATER SUMMIT (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action is to authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee and the Waterworks Districts, to sponsor the Greater Los Angeles Water Summit that will provide information on challenges, such as the rising cost of water, aging infrastructure, new local water supplies, stormwater opportunities, and other State water challenges.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

Authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee acting as the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to sponsor the Greater Los Angeles Water Summit at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICTS:

Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee, acting on behalf of the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts Nos. 29 and 40 to sponsor the Greater Los Angeles Water Summit at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to allow the Director of Public Works or her designee, on behalf of the Waterworks Districts and in her capacity as the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) to sponsor the Greater Los Angeles Water Summit that will be held in Long Beach, California on October 16 and 17, 2013. This summit will provide information on challenges, such as the rising cost of water, aging infrastructure, new local water supplies, stormwater opportunities, and other State water challenges.

As a regional leader, LACFCD and Waterworks Districts' public outreach and education is key in fostering partnerships among stakeholders, such as academia, policymakers, and industrial specialists. The sponsorship and outreach activity will assist in uniform understanding and collaboration in water policy formations, stormwater management, water conservation, groundwater replenishment, water quality improvement, ecosystem restoration, and green technology innovation.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1). Implementation of the recommended actions will provide Public Works, on behalf of the LACFCD and Waterworks Districts, with additional opportunities to collaborate with private industry, nonprofit organizations, and municipal water and flood control agencies on water resource and stormwater management issues essential for decision-making, policy formation, and delivery of public services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The total cost for this sponsorship will be \$10,000: \$5,000 from the LACFCD and \$5,000 from Waterworks District No. 29, Fund N32, and Waterworks District No. 40, Fund N63, split evenly. Funding for this sponsorship is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Flood Fund and Waterworks Districts' budgets.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

As set forth in §2 of the Los Angeles County Flood Control Act, the objects and purposes of the LACFCD are "to provide for the control and conservation of the flood, storm and other waste waters of said district, and to conserve these waters for beneficial and useful purposes by spreading, storing, retaining or causing to percolate into the soil within the district, or to save or conserve in any manner, all or any of these waters, and to protect from damage from flood or stormwaters, the harbors, waterways, public highways and property in the district, and to provide for public use of navigable waterways under the district's control that are suitable for recreational and educational purposes, when these purposes are not inconsistent with the use, thereof, by the district for flood control and water conservation." (Water Code App., §28-2.)

Likewise, the Waterworks Districts "may provide for the supplying of the inhabitants of the district with water for irrigation, domestic, industrial, or fire protection purposes, and may provide for the development and conservation of water supplies for those purposes" and may do all things necessary or proper to accomplish this purpose. (Water Code, §§55330 and 55331.)

The actions recommended are consistent with and will help further these purposes. As discussed above, this summit will address challenging issues related to the cost of drinking water, local water supplies, availability of State water, stormwater opportunities, and aging infrastructure.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Sponsoring an event, such as this water summit, is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b) of the CEQA Guidelines. This proposed action is an administrative activity of government, which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There is no negative impact on current County services.

CONCLUSION

Please return three adopted copies of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Watershed Management Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

GAIL FARBER
Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office